

Calendar of Ministries

✝ **Saturday, January 21, 2017**

Evening Prayers at 8

✝ **Sunday, January 22**

Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.

Morning Worship at 11 with Elder
Sonny Clark as worship leader

✝ **Monday, January 23**

Morning Prayers at 8

✝ **Tuesday, January 24**

Morning Prayers at 8

Mr. Sherrard has resumed his teaching schedule at Dabney S. Lancaster Community College. He teaches on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 1 p.m. at the Rockbridge Center and on Fridays at 10 a.m. on the main campus in Clifton Forge. He is teaching Exploring the Bible and World Religions

✝ **Wednesday, January 25**

Morning Prayers at 8

Bible Club at the High School, 8:08

Choir at 7 p.m.

✝ **Thursday, January 26**

Morning Prayers at 8

✝ **Friday, January 27**

Morning Prayers at 8

Mr. Sherrard teaches at DSLCC at 10

✝ **Saturday, January 28**

Evening Prayers at 8 with a discussion of
Ted Dekker's *The Forgotten Way*

✝ **Sunday, January 29**

Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.

Morning Worship at 11

Teen Ski Trip to Snowshoe after worship



The Weekly Word

Windy Cove Presbyterian Church

January 19, 2017

Christmas and More

It's been nearly a month since we have visited with you via the *Weekly Word*. Lots of exciting things have taken place here, and we want to bring you up to date on them.

First, we had a beautiful Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Worship. The church was comfortably filled with around 80 people. Together, we considered in succession God's hope, God's peace, God's love, and God's joy. All of these gifts of God were brought by Jesus the Messiah. Of course, Jesus as the Messiah (the anointed one) had been our theme in worship for about eight weeks before our Christmas Eve service.

In addition to the four emphases of hope, peace, love, and joy, we had the beautiful music of our Choir. As we prepared for Communion, the Choir sang a lovely special, "On This Still, Silent Night." It was the perfect mood for our Candlelight Communion which followed.

The meditation on Christmas Eve touched on the bigger picture of our lives, our destiny. Mr. Sherrard asked us to reflect on those important times in life which had changed the whole course of our lives.

As an example, he told the story of a moment in the office of one of his professors at Hampden-Sydney College. As Rob finished speaking with his professor, the professor grabbed a brochure from his desk and handed it to Rob saying, "You might be interested in this."

That brochure was about the Navy program that kept Rob out of the Viet Nam war by giving him an exemption to attend law school. That one moment literally did change the rest of Mr. Sherrard's life.

The night Jesus was born was such a night of destiny that has changed the lives of millions upon millions of people who have accepted Jesus as

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Take Note

Sunday, January 22, 2017

Sunday School at 9:45 beginning a study of Ecclesiastes

Morning Worship at 11 with Elder Sonny Clark leading worship

The Sherrards will be in Kingsport, TN for their granddaughter's dedication

Sunday, January 29

Regular Sunday School and Worship

Teen Ski Trip to Snowshoe in the p.m.

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Christmas and More (Cont.)

the Messiah sent from God. Of course, Jesus' life, death, and resurrection were the necessary elements of the Messiah's ministry which completed God's plan. However, that night of Jesus' birth was truly a "Night of Destiny" for Jesus and for the world.

After Communion we raised our candles during the singing of "Silent Night." Seeing that light spread throughout the congregation is one of the most beautiful and hopeful parts of the entire year of worship.

As you will remember, Christmas came on Sunday this year; and, actually, we had quite a few folks who returned for the more informal service that we had that day. We sang a lot of carols together and reflected on the two stories of Jesus' birth, one in Matthew's Gospel and one in Luke's. In an interactive message, the congregation thought about the different pictures of Jesus: as the humble child of Bethlehem (Luke) and as the exalted king of Israel (Matthew).

On January 1, we switched our emphasis to spiritual growth. Worship highlighted the story of Nicodemus from the Gospel of John. Nicodemus's life shows that our faith in Jesus can be progressive. We can and should grow in our faith just as Nicodemus did.

This emphasis launched the con-

gregation into their spiritual renewal and growth program using Ted Dekker's book, *The Forgotten Way*. We are now over two weeks into that program. In a future article, we will catch up some of our readers with the highlights of this thought-provoking presentation of the gospel.

In the meantime, we will be having some discussion groups around Dekker's presentation. These groups will begin on Saturday evening, January 28 at 7:30 and continue for several weeks thereafter. Since Dekker's writing is rich with imagery and meaning, some discussion might help us all to grasp his ideas better. In Sunday worship, Mr. Sherrard will continue to highlight the Bible lessons which lie behind Dekker's book.

Beautiful Christmas Flowers

We were blessed this year with absolutely beautiful Christmas poinsettias. We are grateful for the loving care that the flowers received from Betty Haddix which kept their deep red color so vivid and minimized the dropping of leaves during the entire season. Betty says that it was the different kind of potting soil that kept the flowers so lovely, but we believe that it was Betty's magic water wand and her diligence that really made the difference!

We are also deeply grateful for those who gave special offerings for these flowers.

To Remember

Richard "Dick" Grist
By Mike and Vicki Grist

Helen Poe
*By Sam and Kris Hepler,
Grandchildren, and Great
Grandchildren*

**Carl and Marie Swope
Clyde and Maude Hively**
By Joyce and Clyde Hively

Hunter and Sadie Hepler
By the Hepler Family

**Carl and Della Plecker
Hilda Hobson, Paul Plecker**
By daughter and sister, Ruth Cauley

Robert and Gwendolyn Simmons
By their daughter, Eleanor Woods

**Wilson Shanks
Charles David and Betty Jo
Armstrong**
*By Rickey, Donna, and
Krista Armstrong*

**Kenneth Simmons
Husband, Father, Grandfather,
Great Grandfather**
By his wife, Faye Simmons

To Honor
Tammy Lindsay
By Ruth Cauley

Leo and Emma Jean Shanks
By Garry and Jo Ann Shanks

**Windy Cove's Worshiping
Congregation**
By Norma Jean and Bob Taylor

People and Prayers

Since we last came into your homes, we have had a couple of funerals related to folks in the Windy Cove Congregation. The Sherrards attended the funeral of Sharon's brother-in-law, Phil Folta, in Martinsburg, WV. Phil was married to Sharon's sister, Bernice. He died in Harrisonburg and was buried in Rosedale Cemetery originally owned by Mr. Sherrard's family. Your prayers for Phil and Bernice's children, Wayne and Beth, are certainly appreciated as they mourn their father and continue to care for their mother in a nursing home in Harrisonburg.

Mr. Sherrard also preached the graveside funeral for Keith Simmons on Thursday, January 12. Keith attended Windy Cove as a child and was a brother to Kenneth Simmons and Louise Fultz. Keith and Kenneth were close growing up. They helped to support the family, went into the Army together at the time of the Korean War, and signed up at the same time to work on the railroad. They both exhibited a certain quality of toughness or perseverance during hard times in life including illness.

In recent years Keith became blind with retinitis pigmentosa. His wife, Anne, and his son Keith, Jr., were faithful in their care. Keith, Jr. became a driver and close companion for his father in recent years. May God bless them and the rest of the extended family.